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**Michael Thess et al.** )  
) Art Unit: 2165  
Serial No. 10/673,040 )  
) Examiner: Neveen Abel Jalil  
Filing or 371(c) Date: September 26, 2003 )  
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For: **Method and Apparatus for Determining** )  
**a Set of Large Sequences From an** )  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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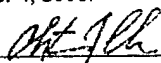
Responsive to the final Office Action dated October 3, 2006, Attorney for the Applicants submits the following amendments and remarks. In light of these amendments and remarks, Attorney for the Applicants respectfully asserts that the all of the claims of the patent application are patentable, and that the application be allowed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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